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Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 10/767,686 filed 1/29/2004
Applicant: Ai-Zhi Piao and Chung Shih
Title: **MIXTURES OF VARIOUS TRIBLOCK POLYESTER
POLYETHYLENE GLYCOL COPOLYMERS HAVING IMPROVED
GEL PROPERTIES**

Group Art Unit: 1615
Attorney Docket No. T8275.DIV

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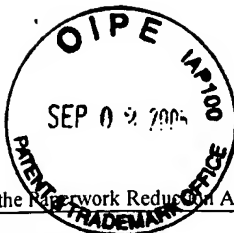
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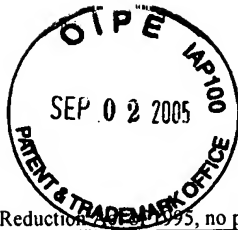
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